

# COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

## MINUTES

May 17, 2002

### Attendees:

Capt. Tim Lockett - Kansas Highway Patrol  
Dan Thompson - State Fire Marshal's Office  
Steve Woolington – Kansas Department of Transportation  
John Johnson – Wolf Creek Generating Plant  
Karen Schuyler – Astaris  
Randy Duncan – Chairman, Sedgwick County Emergency Management  
Jerry Davis – Finney County Commissioner  
Major General Greg Gardner – Adjutant General  
Fred Schvien – Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing  
Dr. Mike Moser – Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
Dr. Lyle Noordhoek – Central Plains Laboratory, Hays  
Dick Heitschmidt - City of Hutchison Police Department

Members of public and support staff were in attendance.

### Members not in Attendance:

Jack Taylor – City of Emporia Fire Department

### Meeting:

- Meeting opened at 9:30 – Randy Duncan provided opening comments.
- Minutes from December 13, 2001 meeting were reviewed and approved
  - Karen Schuyler motioned approval and Dr. Moser seconded the motion
- 9:35 - General Gardner presented Homeland Security Update and Lessoned Learned Jan – Feb Ice Storm
  - Capt. Tim Lockett provided an overview of DOJ Grant. It was explained that a contract has been established with Fisher Scientific to be the sole source provider for the counties when acquiring equipment that is being purchased with DOJ funds. In addition, a web page has been developed so that county representatives could create a shopping cart of equipment that is submitted to the KHP to be reviewed and once KHP approves the shopping cart it is submitted to Fisher.
- 10:08 - Randy Duncan appointed Wolf Creek Representative for Vice Chair
  - “He has hopes that the leadership of the Committee would be shared between government and industry from this point forward.”
- John Johnson provided a status report about the unexpected outage at Wolf Creek. Steam Generator D was opened up May 16 and a loose pin that was ½ lb of metal was found and removed. The steam generator was then checked for

damage. The pin that was found was part of a split pin assembly that is used for alignment, the second part is still in place and Wolf Creek is not currently replacing this part and should power back up on Monday, May 20. Once the steam generator was opened it they found a pin, which was ½ lb metal. The broken part was removed and the section the pin was found in was checked for damage caused by the pin moving around in the generator.

- Committee Reports were presented:
  - Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team 10:06 Julie Eichem
  - LEPC Appointment Committee 10:11 Leticia Arzate
    - Status of Technological Hazards Section web based application for spill reporting
- Terrorism Working Group 10:16 Gene Krase
- Randy Duncan 10:22 – relationship between KCC, KDEM
  - Leticia said the meeting on Spill Policy was setup for May 30<sup>th</sup>; it was requested that Scott Bangert, KDHE invited to this meeting.
  - Randy Duncan requested KDEM to research Planning Districts for LEPC's
    - o Issues to be addressed
      - Forms of review for LEPCs
      - HMEP grant current use of funds
      - Persuing funds for LEPCs
      - What are the barriers of LEPCs?
      - Does the State Law place a barrier on locals from collecting fees from industries for TIER II reporting?
- Leticia Arzate reported the current status of LEPC membership nominations

**New Business addressed:**

- Bio-terrorism Grants 10:32 – 11:06 Dr. Mike Moser

Identified Johnson & Sedgwick Counties as being targeted for MMRS Grants.

KDHE has been the recipient of CDC Grants in the sum of \$700,000. One time supplemental grant \$10.9 million. Guidance document for this grant was 85 pages, with 14 critical benchmarks to be reached.

  - Tim Lockett, 10:47 requested guidance from KDHE to help identify good field-testing kits for responders versus everyone purchasing their own version of a “good field kit.”

Dr. Moser continued Bio-terrorism Grant overview – There was an April 18 deadline for the guidance document to be completed, which KDHE met.

Dr. Lyle Noordehook – From a local point of view there is concern that there are a lot of private hospitals and laboratories that work independently of public health, how will they be handled with the grant program.

Dr. Moser – CDC Health Network to State to Locals including private facilities.

Private side is pushing to go to a national reporting system and KDHE supports this action.

Regional labs want to know who to report to and KDHE is trying to develop the network for this purpose.

- EPA Update 11:07 George Hess
    - EPA Region VII has conducted site security visits, on facilities that could impact 250,000 or more. Technological Hazards and local emergency planning committees have been invited and participated in site visits that have occurred in Kansas.
    - Risk Management Plan information has not been put back on EPA's web site.
    - RMP Grant proposal out for contractors to assist with RMP implementation.
    - Training video on Anhydrous Ammonia has been released
    - Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) training has been completed.
    - CAMEO4 has been released and can be downloaded from EPA's web site
    - March 1 – TIER II Submittal
    - Federal Release Guidance, inclusive of Continuous Release Information was released in April
    - LEPC SERC Conference is Aug. 22-24, 2003; the LEPC Conference Committee would like to request that one or two KS LEPCs assist with planning the conference. If there are volunteers please let us EPA or the Technological Hazards Section know.
    - Overview of EPCRA State Coordinators Meeting that was held May 7-8 was provided
  - Public Safety Wireless Strategy 11:07 Sandy Johnson
  - Prairie Plague Bio-Terrorism Exercise overview Terri Ploger-McCool
  - Hazmat Response Team Update 11:20 Dan Thompson
- Randy Duncan commented that he is pleased to see the Regional Response Teams proceeding on.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:32.